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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Merced – Month-Long Human Trafficking Investigation Results in Eight Arrests

(U) A human trafficking operation by the Merced Police Department's Disruptive Area Response Team has resulted in eight arrests. Ladondi Ceaser, 23, Luis Sopon, 22, Samantha Saucedo, 20, and Hailey Craig, 21, were all arrested for pimping. Cesar Martinez, 34, Conrad Rodriguez, 55, John Wilson, 32, and Uriel Sanchez, 22, were all arrested for soliciting a prostitute. Two other adult females were identified as victims of human trafficking and were provided with services from Valley Crisis Center.

SOURCE: 25 February 2022, [Merced Sun-Star](#)

(U) Salinas – Officer Killed During Traffic Stop

(U) A Salinas police officer was shot and killed in the line of duty Friday night, Salinas Police Chief Roberto Filice reported in a press conference Saturday, where local law enforcement and local leaders spoke. The shooting took place around 10:45 p.m. Filice said it was a traffic stop that turned into a shooting. There were no details released on why the shooting happened or who shot first. Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni identified the officer as Jorge Alvarado Jr. The suspected shooter was apprehended and in custody.

SOURCE: 26 February 2022, [KSBW](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Authorities Seize \$3 Million of Meth Hidden in Onion Shipment

(U) San Diego – Authorities seized nearly \$3 million worth of methamphetamine, hidden among a shipment of onions, during a tractor-trailer's inspection at federal facility in San Diego, officials announced Friday. A K-9 unit for the US Customs and Border Protection alerted to the trailer's shipment of onions and officers found nearly 1,200 small packages of meth, the agency said in a news release. The packages of meth — more than 1,336 pounds (606 kilograms) — were shaped into small globes with a white covering, the agency said, and meant to blend into the onions. The drugs are estimated to be worth \$2.9 million on the street.

SOURCE: 25 February 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Fence Installed for POTUS State of the Union Speech

(U) Washington – Fencing installed around the US Capitol for months after the 6 January 2021 insurrection will be put back up before President Joe Biden's State of the Union address Tuesday as concern grows about potential demonstrations or truck convoys snarling traffic in the nation's capital. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said in a statement yesterday that the fence will be erected around the Capitol building for the speech and is being put up "out of an abundance of caution," in consultation with the US Secret Service.

SOURCE: 27 February 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Nevada – Police Search for Suspect in Hookah Bar Shooting

(U) Las Vegas – Las Vegas police searched yesterday for suspects a day after 14 people were shot during a party at a hookah lounge, leaving one man dead and two others critically wounded. Detectives believe two suspects who they did not identify exchanged gunfire inside the hookah bar and fled before police arrived before dawn Saturday, police said. Authorities on Saturday characterized the shooting as an “isolated incident” and said there was no threat to the general public.

SOURCE: 27 February 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Wisconsin – Officers Shoot Man After He Allegedly Opens Fire at Police Station

(U) Milwaukee – Milwaukee Police shot, and wounded, a 23-year-old man they say walked into MPD District 5 and opened fire in the lobby. Police Chief Jeffrey Norman says the suspect walked into the lobby and fired shots several time towards officers who were working inside the building on Milwaukee’s north side. According to Norman, members of MPD returned fire, at which point the suspect fled on foot. He was pursued by police, who encountered him less than two blocks away and opened fire again. The suspect was struck several times and suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Norman says he was taken to the hospital to be treated for injuries sustained from the shooting.

SOURCE: 25 February 2022, [WTMJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Ukraine – Anonymous Hacktivists, Ransomware Groups get Involved in Ukraine-Russia Conflict

(U) Kyiv – Multiple ransomware groups and members of the hacktivist collective Anonymous announced this week that they are getting involved in the military conflict between Ukraine and Russia. Members of Anonymous announced on social media that they would be launching attacks against the Russian government. The hacktivists defaced some local government websites in Russia and temporarily took down others, including the website of Russian news outlet RT. The group claimed on Friday that it would leak login credentials for the Russian Ministry of Defense website. Anonymous was not the only group to get involved in the conflict. On Friday, ransomware groups Conti and CoomingProject published messages saying they supported the Russian government. Conti said it was officially announcing full support for the Russian government, writing that “if anybody will decide to organize a cyberattack or any war activities against Russia, we are going to use our all possible resources to strike back at the critical infrastructures of an enemy.”

SOURCE: 25 February 2022, [ZDNet](#)

(U) Nigeria – Jihadist Kill 27 People in Four Attacks

(U) Abuja – Jihadists in northeast Nigeria have since Friday killed 27 people in four separate attacks. The Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), who split from rival Boko Haram jihadists in 2016, has escalated attacks in recent weeks, despite ongoing military operations. Late on Saturday, ISWAP killed 24 civilians in three villages in Borno state, an anti-jihadist militia leader said. The attacks were “punishment for the residents’ aiding soldiers,” a source claimed.

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